

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2010
MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 9:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Chair
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Diana Pollick, Operations & Compliance Manager
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Silvina Hopkins, LPC
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Fernando DeGreef, LPC Applicant
Case No.: 127656
- DISCUSSION:** Fernando DeGreef appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated December 22, 2009, to consider his application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny his application. Mr. DeGreef was represented by Matthew R. Paulson, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. DeGreef. The Committee also received statements from Ms. Hopkins.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation in the matter of Fernando DeGreef. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Pollick attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision..

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel, and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee voted to approve Fernando DeGreef's application to proceed with the licensure process .

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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